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Dear Sir or Madam:

On October 31, 2001, our firm filed an Information Disclosure Statement for Application No. 09/540,729 (copy enclosed). Because the Information Disclosure Statement was filed before a final action or Notice of Allowance, no fee was believed necessary.

Upon receipt of our monthly Deposit Account statement ending January 31, 2002, a charge of \$180 (Fee Code 126) was made to our Deposit Account for Application No. 09/540,729. Since no fee was necessary at the time of filing the Information Disclosure Statement, please credit our Deposit Account the amount of \$180.

If you have any questions or require additional information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact my assistant, Peggy S. Pepitone or me.

Very truly yours,



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
including Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97 and § 1.98, the undersigned brings the patents, publications, applications or other information identified in the attached:

- ☒ Form(s) PTO-1449
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- ☐ The undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fee set forth in § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. n/a.

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